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EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS U.S. HAS CONTACTED NORTH KOREANS IN PEKING

1. MOFA AMERICAN AFFAIRS DIVISION I CHIEF YI SUNG-KON
CONTACTED EMBOFF JULY 28 TO ASK ABOUT ORIENT PRESS ARTICLE
IN KOREA HERALD DATED UNITED NATIONS, ALLEGING U.S.
AND NORTH KOREA RECENTLY HAD INFORMAL CONTACTS IN PEKING.
THE ARTICLE QUOTING "A SOURCE" SAID U.S. PERSONNEL IN
PEKING HAD CONTACTS WITH A NORTH KOREAN KIM CHONG-SU
FROM THE NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY IN PEKING. YI ASKED IF
EMBASSY COULD RELAY HIS QUERY TO WASHINGTON AND SOLICIT
RESPONSE. EMBOFF POINTED OUT INK WAS NOT YET DRY ON SCM
JOINT STATEMENT, PARA 10, WHICH HAD REAFFIRMED U.S.
POLICY REGARDING CONTACTS WITH NORTH KOREANS AND ADDED
THAT IT WAS PREPOSTEROUS TO ALLEGE THAT U.S. WOULD RISK EMBARRASS-
ING THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BY ENGAGING IN SUCH CONTACTS
PRIOR TO OR DURING HIS VISIT TO SEOUL. EMBOFF ALSO NOTED
WASHINGTON WOULD PROBABLY REACT IN SIMILAR FASHION IF,
INDEED, A STORY OF SUCH QUESTIONABLE ORIGIN WERE CONSIDERED
WORTHY OF COMMENT AT ALL.

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